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31st Fighter Wing: The U.S. Air Force's fighter wing south of the Alps.

Dorms on schedule for completion

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith
Editor

Aviano airmen can expect to be in the new dormitories by March 2002 as dorm construction progresses on schedule, say officials from the Navy Resident Officer in Charge of Construction office.

The project engineer, Navy Lt. Scot Sanders, took 31st Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. George Fust through a sample room March 29 to give him an idea of what dorm residents can expect on the inside.

Sanders showed Fust the unfurnished room with a stove, oven, cabinets, windows and a walk-in closet.

Sanders said the Navy is overseeing the construction because the Navy was assigned oversight on all major construction in Italy by the U.S. European Command.

"We are in charge of all construction costing more than \$500,000 on military installations in Italy," Sanders said. "We are happy to help make the quality of life for all airmen, sailors and soldiers better at Aviano."

According to Sanders, the sample room took three months to build after the exterior shell of the dormitory was constructed.

Each dorm room will have a common bathroom that two people will share, Sanders said. Everything else will be in the room

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Staff Sgt. Mitch Fuqua
31st Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. George Fust surveys the kitchen area in a sample dorm room.

Aviano implements foot-and-mouth disease precautions

By Senior Airman Lee Smith
Editor

Aviano is doing everything possible to help prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease, said the 31st Logistics Support Squadron commander.

"Aircraft landing at Aviano from England or the Balkans (the Italian Air Force has defined the Balkans as Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia and Serbia including Kosovo), will be disinfected," said Maj. Leslie Stoute.

The personnel on board will also go through a decontamination process," Stoute said.

FMD is a highly infectious viral disease of cloven-hoofed livestock such as cattle, sheep, pigs and deer. Even though it is not considered contagious to humans, it has severe impact on a country's agricultural economy.

Because the virus can be transmitted on equipment, vehicles, clothing or pets, Aviano is taking precautionary measures to stop its spread, Stoute said.

According to Stoute there are no restrictions for people leaving Italy returning to the United States because of the disease. In fact, there are no restrictions for people going to the UK either, which is considered the place FMD originated.

"There is no concern about aircraft or people originating from Aviano spreading the disease; we are only concerned about incoming NATO aircraft from the UK or the Balkans," he said. "Right now, we don't have many personnel scheduled to PCS here from the UK in the next 30 days, but we are still taking precautions with those coming in."

The base has a five-person team to take care of aircraft and

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School enrollment

Q: We have a 4-year-old daughter whose birthday is Dec. 24. I understand that the cut-off date for children to start kindergarten is in October.

What allowances are made for children who exhibit a readiness to enter kindergarten before the October deadline?

We feel that our daughter exhibits a readiness to enter kindergarten. Since her birthday falls two months after the cut-off date, I requested a waiver for her to attend the Vajont kindergarten. The principal denied my request and referred me to the superintendent's office.

I called the deputy superintendent and he ultimately reiterated what the principal had stated. Both told me that if my daughter had been enrolled in a formal classroom-type setting (i.e. an asilo), a waiver would have definitely been considered. They recommended placing her in an asilo. For us, this is not an option.

We could choose later to transfer her to the public school system to resume where she left off. Academically, in Italy, we don't have that choice. If we want to offer our daughter a formal American education, we will have to wait another year.

I feel that we are not requesting something extraordinary. We are only requesting that our daughter be tested to see if she is at the same level as other children beginning kindergarten.

A: I certainly understand your point of view, and in fact you would have other options in the U.S.

While in your specific circumstances this may be the right move for you, we

COMMANDER'S CONNECTION



Brig. Gen. Dan Darnell

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31st Fighter Wing commander

must follow DoDDS directives to ensure fairness and equity across the board.

DoDDS policy stipulates that a child must be five years old by Oct. 31 of the enrolling year for entrance into kindergarten (Department of Defense Directive 1342.13 "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Schools," dated July 8, 1992). This date was recommended to the DoD after indepth research was conducted by the Advisory Council Dependent Education and the Dependents of Education Council.

Their research of more than 15,000 districts in the United States determined a majority of public schools use this date as their guideline.

Recognizing that students attending DoDDS schools come from various

locations with different policies, DoDDS makes available waivers on a case-by-case basis for dependents that have birthdays that fall between Nov. 1 and Dec 31. Waivers are not granted based upon testing but rather on whether the child has previously been enrolled in a kindergarten program.

The 31st Services Squadron has instituted a Preschool Enrichment Program available to dependents that do not meet the Oct. 31 deadline for kindergarten. PEP operates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-11 a.m.

The child development center has open registration throughout the year from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If there is not an opening readily available your child will be put on a waiting list. The current wait is less than six months.

KUDOS

Sharp shooter

Congratulations to Special Agent Albert Wiesner, Det. 531, Air Force Office of Special Investigations February Top Gun for the base for scoring a perfect score of 40/40 on the M-16 course.

Relief thanks

The Aviano Red Cross would like to give a kudo to Staff Sgt. Shannon Moore, 31st Operations Support Squadron, who helped raise more than \$600 to help the earthquake victims in India.

Health Fair assistance

I wish to thank the 31st Medical Group for their recent Health Fair. Maj. Joseph Lemer and Capt. Scott Suckow did an outstanding job in getting the word out to retirees. It was a great success.

Suckow personally attended a meeting of the Aviano Retiree Association to promote the affair.

I also want to express my thanks to Dr. (Capt.) Robert LaClair for the professional care he has given to our family.

Fate Kirby, retired Army Chief Warrant Officer



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CSAF stresses safety awareness

By Gen. Michael Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON—Fellow airmen, spring is rapidly approaching and the longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures will lure all of us into a wide range of outdoor activities. Increased risks and hazards accompany these activities and now is the time to focus on operational and personal risk management.

Statistics show us that spring brings an increase in mishaps associated with outdoor recreation and

vacation travel. Commanders and supervisors must focus on the value of proper conditioning and training before our people aggressively take on these activities.

I want you to specifically address the combination of water sports, motorcycle riding and alcohol. Last year we lost nine Air Force members (18 percent of our total off-duty deaths) to water-related activities and several involved alcohol usage.

Additionally, the climate encourages our motorcycle riders to get out, often before they've thought about re-honing

those skills which have been dormant. Understanding the environment and using seatbelts, life preservers, or helmets will save lives—we must emphatically drive this point home. Our goal is to reduce mishaps. All of us—regardless of rank, age or position, must share this responsibility of keeping our Air Force family safe. Reducing injuries and saving lives will make our units more effective while also lessening the impact on family or friends. Let's have a safe and enjoyable spring.

Customer service can help to improve AF's quality of life

by Gen. Hal Hornburg

Air Education and Training Command commander
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — If I get poor service in a restaurant or store, I don't feel valued as a customer.

So I don't go back. And I doubt you would, either.

But on an Air Force base, we don't always have that luxury.

Customer service — both good and bad — affects our quality of life.

Quality of life can mean different things to each of us. While many of us might view higher pay and better facilities as the most common quality of life factors, the concept is much broader and really impacts our daily work environment.

Quality of life begins with who you are, where you work and how you feel about what you do.

It is a sense of identity and belonging. And that's the foundation from which we must build a strong Air Force.

Our day-to-day interactions with people have significant impact on our quality of life. Top-notch customer service in all aspects of our work and home life is crucial to maintaining high quality of life standards.

We need to examine closely our responsiveness, timeliness and empathy in dealing with the day-to-day issues of military life. Whether you process claims for PCS moves, make appointments at the dental clinic or answer questions about pay and allowances at the accounting and finance office, you affect the quality of life and morale for many people.

If your shop periodically closes for "training days," are those days scheduled to minimally impact your customers? Better yet, could your office keep a skeleton crew on board for customers while the others are trained?

If your unit has voice mail, how user friendly is it? The first and easiest option should always be to speak with a person.

Is there more than one "expert" in your office to help customers?

What happens when that person goes to lunch, is on leave or on a TDY assignment?

Are your form letters personalized for your customers, or are they the faceless, fill-in-the-blank kind? With our computers today we can take the extra few minutes to tailor correspondence to show our people were concerned about their situations or problems. The Air Force is a retention service, and quality customer service will ultimately help us retain our people.

Are we missing someone?

By Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne

15th Air Base Wing Career Assistance Advisor
HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — The Air Force has been doing a great job lately in marketing the benefits of an Air Force career. New television commercials, roving displays and an increase in the number of recruiters are all helping to spread the word about the Air Force.

But maybe we're missing a very important target audience — our internal customers — those who already signed on the dotted line. Think about it. When's the last time you saw a brochure, flyer or other piece of promotional material that describes the benefits of continued service? It's probably been a while.

Yet, we have tons of promotional material right in front of us — we're just not using it. The source? Satisfied customers. Those who've signed on for an additional tour and who are in a position to really influence the younger troops. I'm talking about front-line supervisors.

Communication studies prove time and again that supervisors, first sergeants and commanders are the most accurate, credible and reliable sources of information. But those same surveys also show that we, as supervisors, do a less than stellar job in really communicating with our folks.

Why? Maybe we as an institution did it to ourselves. We've sped up the promotion process, placing people in positions of authority earlier on in their careers. Did we arm them with the tools they need to become truly effective supervisors? Did we expose them to all the benefits of continued service, or did we leave them to find out for themselves? Probably the latter. And we keep replaying this cycle over and over again.

It's time to break the cycle. Time for us to get excited about being a part of the world's most powerful Air Force.

How? By learning everything there is to learn about benefits and entitlements. By sharing that information during career counseling sessions. By constantly reinforcing the decision people make to stay with us. It's really pretty simple. Familiarize yourself with the Air Force benefits fact sheet. Check out the Career Corner section of the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site. Then, share your knowledge.

If we do this right, we won't have to worry about meeting our retention goals. Quite the contrary, we'll have to figure out who we need to let go because we have too many folks who want to stay with us. Far-fetched? Not really. Where else can you get a benefits package like the one the Air Force offers?

Think about it.

Aviano Performer



Senior Airman Michelle Michaud

Staff Sgt. Edwin Sando
Assistant Noncommissioned
Officer in Charge of Distribution
Element
31st Supply Squadron

Hometown: Jeamez, N.M.

What do you like most about your Aviano assignment? Traveling and learning about European cultures.

What do you like most about your job? Working with all of the airmen in my element.

Greatest accomplishment: Marrying my wife and having two wonderful children.

Time on station: seven months

Time in service: 14 years

"As a flawless performer, Staff Sgt. Sando's strong work ethic motivates his troops to be more productive and efficient. He is a true professional you can count on to get the job done and take care of his people."

-- Senior Master Sgt.
George Goff
Fuels Operation
Superintendent

IN BRIEF

Beautiful Baby Contest

Registration is 11 a.m. and the contest begins at noon, April 14 at the community activity center. For more information, call Ext. 5667.

Girl scout drive -- junior troop 83 is holding a slipper/scarf drive for the Kozina refugee camp. Look for the display in the base exchange area. Purchase one of the items needed, then bring your donation to the BX between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. today. For more information, call Gretchen Sandridge at 0434-580666.

Anger management -- classes are 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through April 19. For more information or to sign up, call at Ext. 5667.

31st Security Forces Squadron Spouse Group -- meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the SFS training Bldg. on Via Dante, behind Area 2. For more information, see the security forces website: sfsspouses@hotmail.com.

Aviano Homeschool Group -- is planning a meeting for the upcoming school year. It is 12:30 p.m. May 1, in Area D. Families currently homeschooling or interested in homeschooling are invited.

The Aviano Chief's Group -- is seeking volunteers for the upcoming Primavera Bazaar May 18-20. Volunteers can work the entire day or as little as two hours and are needed in the following areas: vendor sales recorder, hospitality, finance and as language translators. To volunteer, call Senior Master Sgt. George Goff at Ext. 7341.

Summer hire program -- is scheduled to run from June 18 through July 27.

Units interested in a summer hire should

contact Yvonne Beach at Ext. 7291 or 7307.

Aviano 2000 Program Management Office -- developed a new web site to provide information on the current status as well as photos of each project. Brief technical data on each of the Aviano 2000 NATO projects is also provided.

The Aviano 2000 construction web site is available on base through Aviano intranet at avointranet.aviano.af.mil.

After accessing the main web site, click the second line "Aviano 2000 Construction." Comments and suggestions on how to improve the web site are encouraged and may be sent to the AV2K program office by clicking on the "Contact Us" bar.

Emergency data records -- Department of Defense Form 93 updates are vital because they provide information on primary and secondary next of kin. They also provide information on people to be notified in case of death, injury or emergency. They are the official document required by law for designating beneficiaries for death gratuity and unpaid pay and allowances.

California Smog Impact Refund -- is for eligible individuals who paid the smog impact fee while residing in the state between Oct. 15, 1990 and Oct. 19, 1999. Eligibility may be determined through this website: www.dmv.ca.gov/online/smiging/index.htm.

Cop's Corner

For the week of March 26 through Sunday
Accidents: Aviano (1), Aviano Air Base (6), Roveredo (2), Ronzana (1), Gorgazzo (1), Fontanafredda (1), Pordenone (2), Castello di Aviano (1)
Minor accidents: 11
Major: 3
Injuries from the accidents: (3)
Damage to personal property: San Quirino (1), Aviano Air Base (2)
Larceny of personal property: On-base (1), Aviano (1), Vigonovo (1), Budoia (1)
Vehicle break-ins: Dardago (1)
House break-ins: 0
Traffic complaints: 1
DUIs: 0
Shoplifting: 0

Accident spotlight

Last week four military members experienced vehicle mishaps while trying to make it through narrow roads in the town of Castello di Aviano. The accidents caused only vehicle damage. Driving through Castello di Aviano or any other narrow road can be dangerous for vehicles if drivers don't slow down. As a reminder, the Castello di Aviano road is an off-limits road to all government vehicles, including rental cars.



2001 Totals

Totals for 2001

Vehicle breaking and entering: 34
Home breaking and entering: 11
Shoplifting: 5
DUIs: 8

Accident info

Total accidents this year: 175
Accidents this time last year: 207

Source, 31st Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis.
Accident of the week provided by 31st Fighter Wing Safety.

Air Force releases latest SRB list

WASHINGTON (AFPN)— The Air Force has released its latest selective reenlistment bonus list and has decided to keep bonuses at their current levels, with the exception of those in three career fields.

After careful consideration, the decision to keep bonuses at their current levels was made, Air Force personnel officials said.

For the past several months, personnel officials have worked to optimize the SRB program within available funding.

While there are no increases in bonuses for this latest release, the Air Force has increased the SRB budget from \$25 million in fiscal 1997 to \$165 million in

fiscal 2001, said Lt. Col. Francine Blackmon, chief of Air Force skills management.

Additionally, the number of Air Force skills eligible for an SRB has more than tripled since fiscal 1997.

Zone A bonuses in the radio communications systems, 3C1X1, career field was reduced from 2.0 to 1.0. The Zone A bonus for the communications cable systems, 2E6X2, and the Zone C bonus for the visual information, 3U0X1, career fields have been discontinued.

The SRB changes for the three Air Force Specialty Codes take effect May 1.

Personnel officials are scheduled to conduct the next semiannual SRB review in October.

During this comprehensive evaluation, all enlisted specialties are reviewed. The criteria for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected manning levels, reenlistment trends, career field force structure changes, and inputs from individual career field managers.

For more information or to determine eligibility for an SRB, Aviano members can call the 31st Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight reenlistment office at Ext. 8164.

A complete list of the SRB program is located online on the AFPC Homepage.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

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personnel flying in from affected areas.

Personnel should be aware of any food products coming in from affected areas will not be allowed off the aircraft.

Stoute said some people have expressed concern with shipping pets to the U.S. There should be no problem with Aviano members shipping pets back to the states from here, he said.

"The most important thing owners should have is a current bill of health for their pets," he said. "There is an extremely small chance that a pet could act as a carrier of the disease," Stoute said. The pets would have to be in contact with affected animals. Any pets flying in from England, however, will not be allowed onto the base. There is very little chance of a pet having the disease, but we are not going to take any chances," Stoute said.

To further the efforts of preventing the spread to the U.S., as part of a Department of Defense directive, effective immediately, all food products are prohibited from being mailed from the entire European

continent, adjacent islands and waters, said Master Sgt. Phillip Brown, superintendent of postal services at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

"Commercially produced hard cheese and butter without meat bits are not restricted at this time," Brown said. "Canned shelf stable hams, processed chicken, and fish are not restricted from being mailed."

Brown added that food items aren't the only items post office officials are concerned about.

"We are strongly advising postal customers against mailing footwear, clothes, hats, garden tools, bicycles, and all other outside items contaminated with organic matter (i.e. soil, manure, debris)," he said. "If a customer desires to mail these items, we recommend cleaning the item thoroughly."

For more information on shipping pets, call Ext. 5646, on mailing items call Ext. 5735, and on FMD, call Ext. 4199.

Dorms, from Page 1



Staff Sgt. Mitch Fuqua

31st Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. George Fust, left, and Navy Lt. Scot Sanders, Navy Resident Officer in Charge of Construction office for the Aviano 2000 project, discuss the design of the dorms in a sample room.

itself: a stove, oven, sink and cabinets. Once the rooms are constructed, furniture such as beds, rugs and desks will be moved in.

Sanders said this project came about thanks in part to NATO funding, which is a little unusual.

"Normally, NATO only funds mission-essential projects," Sanders said.

"But NATO, along with the Department of Defense struck an agreement to fund other facilities such as this required to support our military force at Aviano."

Fust said the dorms will change the quality of life for Aviano airmen overnight.

"There will be dorms on both sides of the base and people will have their own room," he said.

"The current 2+2 dorms can be 1+1 because we will have the ability to move people out of the 2+2 dorms," Fust said.

Fust said once the dorms are constructed and people have moved in, the flightline will be a prime spot for Aviano airmen.

"With the dorms being very close to the base exchange and commissary, as well as a new club, new dining hall and base theater, our airmen will be able to enjoy the base without having to travel a great distance," Fust said.

Sanders said there were some noise concerns with building dormitories on the

flightline.

To reduce the noise issue, the contract specified special doors designed to shut out as much noise as possible.

"We are installing (in every entry way) a 950-pound door made of steel," Sanders said. "Once the doors are shut, the noise of the aircraft is virtually nonexistent."

Sanders said another design consideration for the new dorms included having giant plants hanging over the balcony.

All of this is just another way Aviano is trying to improve the quality of life on the base while constructing facilities that blend into the Italian architecture, Fust said.

"We want to have the best dormitories possible for our airmen to go home to," Fust said.

"When I first came into the Air Force, 1+1 dorms were just a dream. I am happy to see that vision become a reality here and to see many of the Aviano 2000 projects, such as the dormitories, completed on schedule," he said.

Teen court ensures justice is served

By Airman 1st Class
Ebony Taylor
Staffwriter

Two Aviano teenagers recently found themselves in teen court for committing minor crimes.

Teen court is a system developed in hopes of rehabilitating teens who have committed minor crimes at Aviano Air Base.

Wing leaders here hope to show teens their errors and prevent them and others from making the same mistakes.

Lt. Col. Joseph Mazzola, former 31st Support Group deputy commander and Capt. Curt Borman, formerly with the 31st Fighter Wing Judge Advocate's Office, founded teen court to handle first-time teen offenders at Aviano Air Base. Mazzola and Borman worked together with DODDS to establish a program and rules for teen court, which can be found in Aviano Instructions 51-203, Family Member Misconduct.

"In order for a teen to attend teen court, the 31st Support Group deputy commander receives law enforcement reports on the offender and will determine whether the offense is appropriate for teen court," said Capt. Mynda Ohman, 31st Fighter Wing legal office.

If the case is appropriate, the teen's family will be notified in writing that the teen has the opportunity to appear. With the sponsor's consent to the teen appearing in teen court, the 31st Support Group deputy commander may take other corrective actions as described in Aviano Instruction 51-203. The teen must also plead guilty to the

Capt. Mynda Ohman
31st Fighter Wing
legal office

"Teen court is very different from a general court martial ... the decisions rendered by the court are not formal convictions and are destroyed upon the sponsor's permanent change of station."

charges and explain why he/she is guilty.

If a teen does not wish to plead guilty, then the teen cannot appear before teen court. In that case, the 31st SPTG deputy commander does have the option of bringing the teen before a family member misconduct board. The corrective actions that the misconduct board can take can be found on the base intranet under Aviano Instructions 51-203.

Since the youth must plead guilty, the jury may impose a range of disciplinary actions from a minimum of no punishment to:

- Withdrawal of specified privileges for a maximum of 90 days.
- Community service for a maximum of 20

hours.

- Curfew for a maximum of 90 days.
- Referral to Life Skills Center.
- Restitution to the victim.
- Other punishments as appropriate to the individual case.

The judge is authorized to reduce punishment chosen by a jury, but may not increase it. "Teen court is very different from a general court martial in many ways," Ohman said. "First, the people serving the in the roles of prosecution, defense counsel, and bailiff are all teenagers. The jury is also composed of three to five teens selected by the school. Second, in order for a teen appearance in teen court, he or she must plead guilty and must be a first-time offender. Third, the teen court judge is not a military judge, but a judge advocate from either the base legal office or the area defense counsel's office. Fourth, the formal rules of evidence do not apply. Fifth, the forum of the court is closed to the public for protection of the teen's privacy. Finally, the decisions rendered by the court are not formal convictions and are destroyed upon the sponsor's permanent change of station.

Most of the crimes that surface in teen court are shoplifting, disturbing the peace and damage to property.

"For the 2001 calendar year, there have been two teen courts to date," said Ohman. "Both cases involved charges of larceny at the Base Exchange. One was for shoplifting merchandise and the other for using an unauthorized discount on non-discounted merchandise."

Thrift savings plan opens to servicemembers in October

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Servicemembers can begin to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan beginning Oct. 9, 2001, Department of Defense officials said.

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement and investment plan that has been available to civilian government workers since 1987. Congress extended the plan to include servicemembers in 2000.

"It's in addition to your regular retirement," said Army Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, a tax expert with DoD's Office of Military Compensation. "It's an optional program."

The open season for signing up will run from Oct. 9 to Dec. 8. Deductions start in January 2002. In 2002, servicemembers can contribute up to 7 percent of their basic pay.

The maximum amount service members can contribute from basic pay will change. The current limit of 7 percent of basic pay will rise to 10 percent by 2005 and become unlimited in 2006.

Unlike civilians, who cannot make lump-sum payments into the program, service members may also contribute all or a percentage of any special pay, incentive pay, or bonus pay they receive.

"You can contribute from 1 percent to 100 percent of your special pays, incentives and bonuses into the plan," he said. The total amount generally cannot exceed \$10,500 for the year. Contributions

from pay earned in a combat zone do not count against the \$10,500 ceiling. Combat zone contributions are subject to a different limitation, however, 25 percent of pay or \$35,000, whichever is less.

Like civilian employees in the program, service members must choose how they want their money invested.

Right now, there are three funds to choose from. The funds run the gamut of safe — the G Fund invests in special government bonds — to riskier investments — the C Fund tied to the stock market. There is also an F Fund for investing in commercial bonds.

TSP will unveil the new S and I funds in May. S Fund investments go to a stock index fund that paces small businesses. I Fund investors will track international companies the same way.

Servicemembers will be able to start, change or reallocate their TSP contributions during two open seasons held each year. These are November to January and May to July.

"Because bonuses are hard to predict, if you are already participating in the plan and contributing from basic pay and you receive, for example, a reenlistment bonus, you can elect to contribute at any time," Emswiler said. Contributions to the plan come from "pre-tax" dollars. Service members pay no federal or state income taxes on contributions or earnings until they're withdrawn. For more information about the program, go to <http://www.tsp.gov/uniserv/index.html>.

April promotions announced

Major
Christopher Blum, 31st Medical Support Squadron

Thomas Connolly, 31st Medical Operations Squadron

James Forand, 16th Air Force

Robert Laclair, 31st MDOS

Eric Warner, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron

Captain
Joseph Meaux, 31st Operations Support Squadron

First Lieutenant
Christopher Reyes, 31st OSS
Gary Wood, 31st Logistics Group

Chief master sergeant
Thomas Shipman, 31st Operations Group

Master sergeant
Becky Bravo, 31st Supply Squadron
Borgie Cantillas, Jr., 31st MDSS
Sean Marchal, 31st OSS
Stacy Miller, 31st SUPS
John Orpen, 31st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Darryl Robinson, 31st CES
Edward Rocksvold, 16th AF
Raymond Rosman, 31st CES

Abran Soria, 31st Maintenance Squadron

Craig Springer, 625th Air Mobility Support Squadron, Camp Darby, Italy

Michael Tilley, 831st Munitions Support Squadron, Araxos, Greece

Charles Van, 603rd Air Control Squadron

Deborah Vanzant, 31st SUPS

Robert Wenner, 31st CES

Andrea Wilcox, 555th Fighter Squadron

Robert Wenner, 31st CES

Technical sergeant
John Cosenza, 555th FS

Beverly Demmerly, 31st Mission Support Squadron

Corey Eaves, 31st AMSS

Mechelle Habinyak, 31st Support Group

Cody Harris, 31st MXS

Steven Hite, 625th AMSS

Iris Kaplan, 31st MSS

Dennis Kingan, 31st MXS

Gerald Lemmerman, 31st MXS

Karen Long, 603rd ACS

Danita Marcum, 31st MXS

Timothy Perkins, 31st MXS

Stephen Shultz, Jr., 555th FS

Mario Smallwood, 603rd ACS

Staff sergeant
Samuel Bankston, 625th AMSS
Joshua Arthur, 510th Fighter Squadron
Michael Baron, 31st MXS
Steven Callahan, 31st Security Forces Squadron

Carlos Coker, 555th FS

Douglas Constantine, Jr., 510th FS

Martina Culich, 31st Communications Squadron

Kevin Hall, 31st SUPS

Troy Hubbard, 555th FS

Paul Johnson, 31st SUPS

William Kellems, Jr., 31st MXS

Robert Lindeman, 510th FS

Donald Loncosky, 31st SUPS

Harry Majewski, Jr., 31st CS

Rebecca McGrory, 555th FS

John Moceika III, 555th FS

Charles Ottinger, Jr., 510th FS

Ryan Peterson, 31st OSS

Nicholas Plante, Detachment 3, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group

Debra Powell, 31st SUPS

Gloria Rapkin, 31st Comptroller Squadron

Elizabeth Simmons, 510th FS

Reginald Surratt, 603rd ACS

Joseph Torres, 555th FS

Brian Townsend, 625th AMSS

Joanne Vega, 31st SUPS

Tharrin Walker, 721st AMOG

Tara Whitlow, 831st MUNSS

Senior airman

Dustin Brown, 555th FS

Jocelyn Burrowes, 31st MXS

Shaun Condon, 831st MUNSS

Jeanette Cook, 31st OG

Basil Craig, 31st Munitions Support Squadron Camp Darby, Italy

Mario Davis, 31st MXS

Eric Edwards, 31st MXS

Sean Gallagher, 31st SFS

Stephanie Hall, 31st CS

Peter Hassa, 31st CS

Steven Hazelett, 31st CS

Chad Hummel, 31st SFS

Adam Latapie, 603rd ACS

Rafael Marrerorivera, 603rd ACS

Jeffery Myers, 31st CS

Joshua Paullus, 31st MXS

Jason Robinson, 31st CS

Gary Rymer, 31st Fighter Wing

David Shepherd, 31st MUNSS

Jeffery Talley, 31st MXS

Terron Tinnon, 31st CS

Joshua Tocci, 510th FS

Joshua Underwood, 31st MXS

Damian Vandevender, 31st Transportation Squadron

Jeremy Wacker, 31st OSS

Jovonnie Walter, 31st SFS

Thomas Wolterman, 31st MXS

Airman 1st Class

Brian Parham, 31st TRNS

Airman

Megan Moon, 31st TRNS

Jacob Wilson, 31st MXS

New to the blue

Sophia Rose Tiedt was born Feb. 19 to Claudia and Scott Tiedt, 16th Air Force.

Triston Hunter Williams was born Feb. 20 to Melissa and Army Staff Sgt. Dannie Williams, Vicenza, Italy.

Nathaniel Ryan Gawan was born Feb. 22 to Technical Sgt. Lori Gawan, 31st Supply Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Phillip Gawan, Detachment 3, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group.

Taylor Rae Johnson was born Feb. 25 to Erica and Senior Airman Paul Johnson, 31st SUPS.

Tyler Aaron Penegar was born Feb. 26 to Mary and Senior Airman Jesse Penegar, 510th Fighter Squadron.

Kayla Chanele Bowman was born Feb. 27 to Jacarma and Army Spc. Robert Bowan, Vicenza, Italy.

Christopher Brendan Jackson was born Feb. 28 to Brenda and Capt. Robert Jackson, 31st Logistics Group.

Kathleen Wieck was born March 1 to Suzanne and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Wieck, 31st Security Forces Squadron.

Frank Carlo Guida was born March 2 to Cosma and Airman 1st Class Frank Guida, 31st SFS.

Tyler Allen Bates was born March 2 to Jennifer and Senior Airman Christopher Bates, 555th Fighter Squadron.

Candice Chanel Jackson was born March 19 to Denise and Tech. Sgt. LaVell Jackson, 31st Maintenance Squadron.

Sophia Grace McKlultz was born March 25 to Sara and Airman 1st Class John Richard McKlultz, 31st MXS.

Air Force offers enlisted airmen aviation jobs

By Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN) — For enlisted servicemembers looking to spread their wings, there are several positions available in aviation specialties.

Positions include boom operators, loadmasters, flight engineers, communications operators, systems technicians, aerial gunners, battle managers and flight attendants. The jobs provide enlisted servicemembers with the extra advantages of incentive pay benefits, better opportunities to travel and character-building challenges, Air Force officials said.

The pay benefits are provided through the Career-Enlisted Flier Incentive Pay Program, which began in October 1999.

CEFIP was developed to compensate enlisted servicemembers in these career fields for the hazardous nature of their job, plus to provide an incentive to attract individuals to aviation specialties and retain them throughout their career.

The program enables military members in specific career-enlisted aviation specialties that are designated by the service secretary to receive continuous flight-incentive pay as long as they meet prescribed operational flying requirements.

CEFIP is paid in place of certain other money, such as hazardous duty incentive pay and special duty assignment pay.

The incentive pay, unlike HDIP and SDAP, also continues when a member is assigned to non-flying duties. Ultimately, this provides enlisted fliers with increased compensation over the course of their career, from \$150 up

to \$400 per month.

For career-enlisted fliers, programs such as CEFIP are an added bonus to a job they love to do.

"I've been to a lot of places, and I've seen a lot of things," said Tech. Sgt. Frederick E. Fox, a C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster with the 15th Airlift Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. "To be able to travel and get paid is great."

Fox also said he liked having the added responsibility of being a loadmaster.

"Even though you're in a squadron, when you're on the airplane you're in control of the situation," he said.

Tech. Sgt. Carl Helbig, a loadmaster with the 437th Operations Group at Charleston AFB, agreed.

"Even as an airman, a loadmaster is in a supervisory role," Helbig said. "We have more freedom and responsibilities than many others in the Air Force. An airman who comes in as a flier can start making a difference right away."

The one drawback of being in this career field, however, is the number of days spent on temporary duty assignments.

With the missions Charleston aircrews endure, Fox spends around 180 days a year on temporary duty assignments. Missions may include anything from local training flights to three-week missions in either the Pacific or European theaters carrying supplies to deployed troops across the globe.

"The TDYs can be sporadic," Fox said. "Sometimes, you don't know when the next mission will come up and you have to be really flexible. Things could change while

you're out in the system."

Those who are considering entering or retraining into this career field should really weigh the pros and cons of becoming a flier, Fox said. Commitments to family and off-duty education are two important factors to weigh before vying for a set of wings.

For people, like Helbig and Fox, whose scales tip favorable toward the positive side, there are a significant amount of openings in these aviation specialties, said Senior Master Sgt. Steve King, chief of aircrew enlisted assignments, at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas.

"Many of these career fields have been under a chronic critical status for a long time," King said. "One field has been under this status since 1993."

"The best part of this for folks wanting careers in aviation is that new opportunities abound — the fields are open," King said. "Of our current eight CEA career fields, every one of them has numerous retraining-in quotas, and many of them also accept new recruits. For instance, the two flight engineer fields are looking for over 150 retrainees for (fiscal 2001)."

Interested new recruits with or without prior service and retrainees can apply for one of these positions through either their local recruiter or their military personnel flight.

For many of the enlisted aviators, being in this career field may make the difference between having an Air Force career and enjoying one.

"I couldn't think of another job in the Air Force that I'd like to do," Fox said. (Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)



Larry McTighe

NASCAR visits Nellis

ARLINGTON, Texas (AFPN) — Staff Sgt. Jimmy Fletcher, a recruiter assigned to the 344th Air Force Recruiting Squadron in Arlington, Texas, explains to a group of students from Birdville High School how Air Force teamwork correlates with teamwork in NASCAR March 31. The Air Force is advertising on the Wood Brothers' Racing car #21, driven by Elliott Sadler, during the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series season.

F-22 flies 200th mission



Kevin Robertson

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Raptor 4002 met another F-22 program achievement March 28, when it became the first F-22 to fly 200 test missions. There are four flight test F-22s at Edwards AFB, with the remaining four being engineering and manufacturing development Raptors, which scheduled to join the fleet by the end of 2001. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

Community notes

First steps -- class is 5-7 p.m. in Bldg. 118 for expecting parents to become more comfortable bringing a new baby home. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 5667.

Sibling preparation -- is 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning April 17. The class is located in Sacile Hospital on the fourth floor conference room. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 5667.

Active parenting of teens -- is 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, April 17 to May 22. The location is to be announced. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 5667.

Anger management -- is 6-8 p.m. Thursdays through April 19, beginning Thursday, in Bldg. 118. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 5667.

Myers-Briggs for couples -- is 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays through April 24, beginning Tuesday, in Bldg. 118.

Call family advocacy at Ext. 5667 to sign up or for more information.

Reserve briefings -- for Palace Front are 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Palace Chase briefings are 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Both briefings are in the 31st Support Group conference room. For more information, call Master Sgt. Alex Vazquez, at Ext. 4919.

Thrift shop -- applications are now being taken for the manager's position. Applications will be taken through April 30 and a selection will be made shortly thereafter. Interested individuals can pick up an application during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

Volunteers are needed for the thrift shop. To volunteer, stop by Bldg. 220 during open hours. For more information, call Ext. 5428 during hours of operation.

Tax assistance program -- offers basic tax assistance, free of charge to all service members, dependents and civilian employees. Contact a unit tax advisor for more information.

Greek restaurant -- is now open for business in the Flightline Area, across from Hangar Two. For more information, call Ext. 5493.

Education

Embry-Riddle University -- A safety and operations specialization and safety certificate class is Saturday through May 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays in the high school, Bldg. 168 in Room 5.

Students may now use Veteran's Assistance and tuition assistance at the same time for classes.

Get up to 36 hours of college credit for military experience toward a bachelor of science degree.

University of Oklahoma -- offers the following spring and summer courses: Critical Literature in Adult and Higher Education, June 5-10. Enroll by May 7. Introduction to Training and Development, July 10-15. The enrollment deadline is June 11. For more information, call Ext. 5139.

City Colleges of Chicago -- offers associate degrees in various concentrations. For more information, call Ext. 5143.

University of Maryland -- is looking for instructors to teach Early Childhood Development courses. A bachelor's degree in this discipline is required.

Spouses taking Term four classes can apply for the Aviano enlisted spouses' club and Aviano officers' and civilians' spouses club scholarships.

Upcoming seminars include Library Skills,

Memory Improvement and Arthurian Legends. For more information, stop by the UMUC office in Area One, Bldg. 144 or call Ext. 5365.

Cameron University -- offers the following spring and summer term courses: Applied Business Strategy, April 17-22. The enrollment deadline is Monday. Accounting for Management, May 19-24. The enrollment deadline is April 20. Current Issues in Human Resource Management, July 17-22. The enrollment deadline is June 18. Registration is taking place for the upcoming term that begins Monday. Don't delay, come in and sign up for classes in Bldg. 144. For more information, call Ext. 5365 or 5351.

Chapel notes

Catholic -- noon weekdays, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sundays.

- Confession is 4:30-5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

- Religious education for preschool children through adult is 10-11:15 a.m. Sundays. A confirmation class for ninth through 12th grade students is 9:30-11:15 a.m. Sundays.

Protestant -- Sundays, general service at 10 a.m.

Gospel -- service is at 1 p.m.

- Religious education for preschool children through adult is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays.

Seventh Day Adventist -- 11 a.m. Saturdays.

Lutheran -- 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month.

Church of Christ -- 3:15 p.m. Sundays.

Church of God -- 6 p.m. Sundays.

Jewish -- 7 p.m. every third Friday of the month.

Islamic -- Juma'ah prayer 12:45 p.m. Fridays.

Exploring Europe

Information, tickets and tours

ITT has several upcoming trips including:

- * Tarvisio leather market Tuesday
- * Gardaland Wednesday, Lignano Zoo and Gulliverland Thursday
- * Erto and Via Crucis April 13
- * Vienna Express April 14
- * Guided Padova April 14
- * Rome for Easter April 14-16.

Individual Rimini packages are also available.

ITT is located in Area One and has a satellite location at the outdoor recreation center. It is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. ITT can be reached by e-mail, at 31SVS.SVRR@aviano.af.mil or call at Ext. 5072 or 5026.

Armed Forces Recreation Center Resorts in Europe

For information about the summer tour schedule, contact the Vacation Planning Center at DSN 440-2575 or 08821-72981. Herrenchiemsee Castle -- Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children.

For more information on local events, call the Pordenone tourism office at (0434) 521218 or check out www.spacepickle.com.



Airman 1st Class Ebony Taylor

This is one of the many displays of beautiful architecture in Vienna, Austria, that can be seen on the Vienna Express tour with Information, tickets and tours April 14.



Larry McTighe

AETC chief visits new enlistees

- FORT WORTH, Texas (AFPN)

Air Education and Training Command Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan talks to Stephen Watson who enlisted into the Air Force Sunday. Tech. Sgt. Jose Exchu, Watson's recruiter, looks on. Milligan was here to participate in an induction ceremony for 25 new Air Force enlistees at Texas Motor Speedway. The Air Force is advertising on the Wood Brothers' Racing car #21, driven by Elliott Sadler, during the 2001 NASCAR Winston Cup Series season.

USAFE volleyball reaches AIRNORTH championship

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The U.S. Air Forces in Europe women's and men's volleyball teams captured first and second place, respectively, at this year's Allied Air Forces North volleyball championships in Denmark.

The tournament, held at Karup Air Station March 5-8, pitted teams from the NATO alliance for bragging rights as best in AIRNORTH. For the first time, women were invited to compete in the annual event, and the USAFE women's team responded by going undefeated in tournament play. USAFE captured the first-ever women's title with consecutive wins over the Netherlands (25-18, 26-24), Britain (25-19, 25-19) and Denmark (25-5, 25-15). The Danish decision to include women's teams in the AIRNORTH volleyball championship "was an experiment

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to get an idea of how many women's teams could be fielded by the allied nations,” said Tom Burkett, chief of command sports, head-

quarters USAFE Services.

Germany will sponsor the tournament in 2002, said Burkett. “They will determine the make-up of the championships and whether a women's tournament will be held next year.”

Belgium is expected to field a team, and, if the Germans do the same, “we may expect to have an authorized AIRNORTH women's championship next year,” Burkett added.

The seven teams competing in the men's tourney also included Belgium, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Poland, and Denmark.

The USAFE men's team finished second, taking the first set before losing to Germany in the championship finals: 31-33, 25-21, 25-10, and 25-18. This was the best finish ever for a USAFE men's team. No previous team had finished higher than fifth in the event. (USAFE News Service).

SPORTS SHORTS

The Aviano Sports Officials Association -- needs referees, umpires and scorekeepers for all sports. No experience is necessary. For more information, call Greg Peterson at 0348-592-1139 or 0434-94-9560.

Aviano bowling center -- offers daily lunch specials throughout the week for \$4.25. Mondays: Cordon Bleu, starch and a veggie, Tuesdays: Pasta Al Forno, Wednesdays: Taco salad with medium drink, Thursdays: Cornish hen, mashed potatoes with peas and carrots and Fridays: Catfish with rice and hush puppies. For more information, call Ext. 7487.

SAME Scholarship golf tournament -- is 1 p.m. May 4. The Society of American Military Engineers' annual golf tournament raises money to provide a scholarship to a graduating Aviano senior aspiring to be an engineer or architect. The \$35 donation fee includes entrance to the tournament, prizes, games and a rib and chicken dinner following the event. There is only space for 13 foursomes. To sign up or for more information, call Navy Lt. Matt Riethmiller at Ext. 5975.

Alpine golf course -- has a free swing and etiquette class 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. Sign up now. Alpine needs help improving the course, volunteer clean-up day is 1-4 p.m., April 25. Refreshments and snacks will be available for volunteers. Eat at Mulligan's Grill through the month of March and possibly win an iron, golf bag or a putter.

Use the food receipt as an entry form and deposit it in the specially marked box. The pro shop's Easter sale ends Saturday. For information, call Ext. 7386.

Outdoor recreation -- offers paragliding every weekend and horseback riding daily. Call the office to make an appointment. For more information, call Ext. 8623.

Marathon -- online registration is now available for runners interested in participating in the fifth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 22. For more information, call the U.S. Air Force Marathon Office at (937) 257-4350. To sign up, visit their website at: www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil.

Editor's note: The following information is provided by the 31st Services Squadron. For more information, call Ext. 5080.

Teen programs -- Disneyland in Paris Thursday through Monday; bowling noon through 5:30 p.m. and Easter egg art 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday; give away Easter baskets noon through 2:30 p.m. Thursday; and Spring Break party noon through 4:30 p.m. April 13. For a more complete listing of teen activities, call Ext. 5994.

Community center programs -- guess the correct amount of jelly beans in the jar located in video and balloons and win a gigantic chocolate Easter egg. For more information, call Ext. 5479.

Dating Game -- is 7 p.m. April 21. The winning couple may win a trip to Verona's Medieval tour.

For more information, call Ext. 5479.

Aviano youth programs -- offer new dance classes for children ages 3-18 years old. Learn tap, jazz, modern dance and creative movement.

A gymnastics instructor is wanted for the Aviano youth program.

Spring Fest is at the flightline fitness complex Saturday. A 5K run/walk begins at 8 a.m. by the shoppette. Participants must sign in by 7:30 a.m.

A family fun run begins at 9 a.m., at the flightline track.

The Easter egg hunt is 10 a.m. for 2 to 4-year-olds, 10:15 a.m. for 5 to 8-year-olds and 10:30 a.m. for 9 to 11-year-olds. In case of rain, the hunt will be held April 14. Various food booths will be available.

Registration for baseball, softball, coach pitch and T-ball are now through April 13. For more information, call Ext. 7575.

Sabre Hall -- offers Mexican Buffet Thursday and a special Easter brunch April 15. Seating times vary and reservations are required. Tuesdays are two-for-one steak

Hair Show

The community activity center is accepting auditions for the hair show 2-6 p.m. Twenty models are needed and must be 13 years or older. Sign up now for an audition time. For more information, call Ext. 5479.

nights for \$12.95 at Alexander's Restaurant. Free tacos are 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays in both lounges and Fighter base Fridays are 5-8 p.m. each week.

These events are open to club members and eligible guests only.

For more information, call Ext. 5493.

Wood skills -- purchase a butcher block and receive a fresco for free. Wood skills is located between the consolidated center and Alpine Golf Course. For more information, call Ext. 7892.

Arts and crafts -- offer after school art for kids 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 8-13; a primitive hearts wall hanging 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; framing class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday; and bear paw quilting 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 14. An adult drawing class begins in April. Sign up now for a slot.

For more information, call Ext. 5032.

Give parents a break -- is 6:30-9 p.m.

today. A referral is needed to participate.

For more information, call Ext. 7279.

Group study classes -- a Total Immersion Italian One class is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 21 to May 12. The classes are Saturdays for four weeks. Seven students are required for this class.

Various music classes are available through group study. Learn to play the violin, piano, guitar and saxophone. Voice lessons are also available.

Kuk Sool Won martial art is offered throughout the month. Cost is \$25 per month for adults and youth.

American and English horseback riding classes are offered to all levels of riders. Cost is \$100 for eight rides plus an annual membership fee at the ranch.

For more information, call Ext. 5479.

Home fuels -- all new customers must have a valid housing contract, stamped and signed by a housing office official. Gasolio takes seven to 10 days to deliver and there are no emergency refills.

For more information, call Ext. 5083.

Lunch menu at Victor Dining facility is:

Today: Savory baked chicken, pasta with meat sauce, fishwich, lemon rice, carrots amandine, mashed potatoes and squash.

Monday: Veal Parmesan, teriyaki chicken, Filipino rice, Chinese fried cabbage, parsley buttered potatoes and succotash.

Tuesday: Baked ham, Caribbean jerk chicken, calico corn, herbed broccoli, glazed sweet potatoes and cornbread dressing.

Wednesday: Parmesan fish, barbecue chicken, rice and baked beans.

Thursday: Tacos, beef burritos, chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, Mexican corn and refried beans.

April 13: Meat-loaf, pasta primavera, mustard dill baked fish, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, club spinach, glazed carrots and green beans.

Now Playing...

Today

7 p.m. "Sweet November" -- This story is about an experimental love affair. Sara, a free-spirited woman, runs across tight-laced ad executive Nelson at the department of motor vehicles. Nelson wants only to be left alone to continue on the fast track of his career, but Sara is drawn to him. She makes him an offer: to be her November, the man who will live with her for one month only. Nelson accepts, finding that Sara appeals to something he didn't even know was inside him. Nelson realizes what he's been missing in his career-centered world -- but just as he begins to reach out to her, Nelson finds that Sara has secrets of her own. Starring Keanu Reeves and Charlize Theron. Rated PG-13.

9:30 p.m. "Cast Away" -- Chuck Noland is a FedEx troubleshooter, whose charter flight crashes near the South Pacific and leaves him stranded alone on an island for four years. While his fiancée and coworkers assume he's dead, he must give up everything he once took for granted and learn how to survive both physically and emotionally. Starring Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt. Rated PG-13.

Saturday

2 p.m. "Rugrats in Paris" -- The story follows little Chuckie, who wants his single father to remarry so he can get a new mommy. Teased by his bossy friend Angelica, Chuckie feels even worse about his situation. But when the father of his pal Tommy gets assigned to go to Paris on business, taking the whole Rugrats gang with him, things begin to change. The Rugrats enjoy some valuable sight-seeing, then descend upon Euroreptarland, a theme park in the center of Paris. Starring Debbie Reynolds. Rated G.

4:30 p.m. "Sweet November"

7 p.m. "Cast Away"

9:30 p.m. "The Pledge" -- A policeman in a small Midwestern town promises the mother of a murdered child that he will capture the killer, and he soon finds himself devoting all his energy to fulfilling this pledge. Starring Jack Nicholson and Sam Shepard. Rated R.

Sunday

2 p.m. "Rugrats in Paris"
4:30 p.m. "Sweet November"
7 p.m. "Cast Away"

Monday

7 p.m. "Anti-Trust" -- A young computer programming expert takes a job with a big technology company. He quickly learns that the firm has some fishy policies and a shady way of dealing with its antitrust issues. Starring Ryan Phillippe and Rachael Leigh. Rated PG-13.

Tuesday

7 p.m. "Sweet November"

Wednesday

7 p.m. "The Pledge"

Thursday

7 p.m. "Anti-Trust"

April 13

7 p.m. "Save the Last Dance" -- With her dreams of becoming a professional ballerina decimated by the accidental death of her mother, Sara is forced to move from her quiet Midwestern town to her father's ghetto apartment. But when she meets Derek, a popular black student with a passion for hip hop and a bright future, her repressed ambition and sorrow are released through a revitalized interest in the cathartic and expressive power of dance. Starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas. Rated PG-13.

9:30 p.m. "3000 Miles to Graceland" -- A skilled band of criminals gang together with a goal to get rich at the 2001 International Elvis Convention in Las Vegas. Dressed as flawless Elvis impersonators and armed with enough ammunition and electronic gadgets to easily knock off any establishment, the deal goes bad. Starring Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner and Courtney Cox. Rated R.

For more information on the movie schedule, call Ext. 7252.